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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese reference 6-290,496 corresponds with U.S. 6,027,825.

Japanese reference 2001-126332 corresponds with U.S. 2001/0018107.

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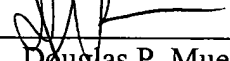
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	6,027,825	02/2000	Shiratori et al.				
	2001/0018107	08/2001	Ishii				
	6,445,669	09/2002	Hattori et al.				
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	6,449,221	09/2002	Knight et al.				
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	2001/0005535	06/2001	Tsutsui et al.				
	2003/0081510	05/2003	Murakami et al.				
	5,991,258	11/1999	Morita et al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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						YES	NO
	6-290,496	10/1994	Japan			See IDS	
	10-340493	12/1998	Japan			Partial & Abstract	
	2001-126332	05/2001	Japan			See IDS	
	11-312342	11/1999	Japan				
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							

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